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MULTIPLE ROTORS
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,936,312 to Koide et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,152 to Nakano ("Nakano '152"), and claim 3 was objected to for depending from a rejected claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and the Examiner's allowance of claims 4 – 21. The rejection of claims 1 and 2 is respectfully traversed based upon the following remarks.

The Priority Date of The Present Invention Pre-Dates the Nakano Reference

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the Koide reference in view of the Nakano reference is traversed because the priority